

HONORING EASTGATE BAPTIST  
CHURCH**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 2004*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to acknowledge the 50th anniversary of Eastgate Baptist Church of Burton, MI, where the Rev. Levi Parish is pastor. On Sunday, July 4, 2004, the Church along with the community will commemorate this joyous occasion with a full day of festivities that will conclude with a flag raising ceremony.

A great event happened in the community of Burton, MI in 1954, when 32 individuals came together and formed one of the most spirit filled ministries in Genesee County. The church was named Providence Baptist until 1965 when the name changed to Eastgate Baptist. Also during that same year they relocated to their present place of worship at 4226 East Atherton Road. During the past 50 years Eastgate Baptist Church has made a significant impact on the community. The members of Eastgate have consistently heeded the call of Christ to assist all those who are in need of spiritual healing. The inspiration for living by Christian ideals is repeated again and again in the lives of the ministers and congregation of this church. I pray that during this glorious milestone the members and community of this magnificent church will come together and do as the Bible tells us in Psalms 33:1-4 "Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! For praise from upright is beautiful. Praise the Lord with the harp; make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully with a shout of joy. For the word of the Lord is right and all his work is done in truth."

Mr. Speaker, as the Member of Congress representing Burton, MI, I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in paying tribute to the Eastgate Baptist Church community for 50 years of spreading God's ministry to the people of Burton, MI, and in wishing them the best in years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 10TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF MENDOCINO  
COAST CLINICS, INC**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 2004*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mendocino Coast Clinics, Inc. as it celebrates its 10th anniversary of service to the community.

On July 1, 1994, direct medical services were transferred to Mendocino Coast Clinics, Inc. from the Mendocino County Public Health Department, so they could shift their focus from patient care to public health issues.

Over the past 10 years, Mendocino Coast Clinics, Inc. has grown substantially in response to community needs. In 1994, 9 employees provided 6,507 medical services to 2,546 patients. In 2004, 60 employees will provide a projected 27,300 medical consultations to 4,600 patients. A total of 169,612 patient encounters have been provided over the last 10 years and now include dental care, behavioral health, telemedicine and specialty medical services.

In 2003 Mendocino Coast Clinics, Inc. built a new facility to accommodate its expansion of services, including its bilingual and culturally appropriate care to residents. The need for comprehensive health services in this rural coastal area was acknowledged when the Mendocino Coast Clinics, Inc. received a New Start Community Health Center Program Grant from the Department of Health and Human Services in 2003.

Mr. Speaker, Mendocino Coast Clinics, Inc. has diligently provided health care services to this community with respect and dignity, regardless of a patient's ability to pay. It is therefore appropriate to honor Mendocino Coast Clinics, Inc. on its 10th anniversary and commend it for its success.

UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL  
TORTURE SURVIVORS DAY**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 2004*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Congressional Human Rights Caucus co-Chairs, Congressman LANTOS and Congressman WOLF, for inviting me to speak at this important event.

June 26 marks the United Nations' international day in support of torture victims. This declared day honors the essential human right of freedom from torture for all, as guaranteed by international law and defined under the United Nations Convention against Torture. Despite this international law, however, over 117 countries still practice torture, according to Amnesty International.

It is a practice that occurs both in undemocratic societies as well as in countries that are U.S. allies and that receive significant U.S. foreign aid. Torture is used against politicians, union leaders, journalists, health professionals, human rights defenders, people in detention or prison, members of ethnic or religious minorities, student leaders, and ordinary citizens, children as well as adults.

The physical and psychological ramifications of torture are incomprehensible and can last a lifetime. There is an estimated 100 million torture survivors worldwide, with 500,000 foreign torture survivors residing in the United States. Rehabilitation centers have been set up around the world to treat victims of torture, yet more must still be done. Today we will hear testimonies from expert witnesses regarding the treatment of torture from the perspectives of human rights workers, physicians, and torture survivors.

At this time I would like to thank the Human Rights Caucus and the Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Committee for hosting this important and timely briefing.